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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, RH, UK

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: FCO REACTIONS TO SECRETARY'S LETTER

REF: LONDON 6465

1. EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY TO BRITISH THAT WE STRONGLY  
AGREE THAT MOMENTUM MUST BE MAINTAINED ON THE RHODESIAN  
ISSUE. NEVERTHELESS, AS DAVID AARON WILL CONFIRM WHEN  
HE SEES FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE  
THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE  
NATIONALISTS' INTENTIONS BEFORE AN ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE  
ABOUT A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE. WE ARE OPEN TO THE  
IDEA OF A STATEMENT REGARDING TECHNICAL BILATERAL CONSUL-  
TATIONS WITH THE INTERESTED PARTIES. WE WILL MAKE A  
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DECISION ON THIS BASED ON THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN OWEN  
AND AARON AND POSSIBLY AFTER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN OUR-  
SELVES AND THE BRITISH NEXT WEEK. IN ANY EVENT, WE WILL  
LET THE BRITISH KNOW WHERE WE STAND ON THIS BEFORE NEXT  
NEXT THURSDAY. AS YOU WILL NOTE FROM AARON'S TALKING  
POINTS FOR HIS MEETING WITH OWEN (SEPTTEL), THE SECRETARY  
WILL SEND A SMALL TEAM OF STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TO

LONDON NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS FURTHER STEPS WE AND THE  
BRITISH SHOULD TAKE ON RHODESIA. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, LEFT  
IT OPEN TO THE BRITISH TO SEND SOMEONE HERE AT THE

BEGINNING OF THE WEEK IF THEY PREFER TO DO SO. DEPART-  
MENT WILL INFORM EMBASSY TOMORROW OF THE COMPOSITION OF  
THE DELEGATION TO LONDON.

2. WE WOULD PREFER TO RESERVE COMMENT ON THE QUESTION  
OF REPRESENTATION IN SALISBURY, OR HAVING A CENTER OF  
OPERATIONS IN LUSAKA. THIS CAN BE DISCUSSED DURING  
NEXT WEEK'S CONSULTATIONS.  
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